

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Wallpaper base with reduced wet expansion containing chemical pulp, filler, chemical additives, and, optionally, groundwood pulp, characterized in that it comprises a layer (3) which contains a fraction of at least 5 wt-% of man-made fibers.
2. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fraction of man-made fibers is no more than 50 wt-%.
3. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fraction of man-made fibers is at least 10 wt-% and no more than 30 wt-%, preferably at least 15 wt-% and no more than 25 wt-%.
4. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least a part of the man-made fibers are fully-synthetic fibers.
5. (Original) Wallpaper base according to claim 4, characterized in that at least part of the fully-synthetic fibers are polyester fibers.
6. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the mean length of the man-made

fibers is less than 8 mm, preferably between 3 mm and 8 mm, particularly preferably between 4 mm and 7 mm.

7. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fraction of chemical pulp is at least 10 wt-% and no more than 80 wt-%, preferably at least 20 wt-% and no more than 60 wt-%.

8. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the layer (3) contains a fraction of groundwood pulp of at least 5 wt-%, preferably at least 10 wt-%, and particularly preferably at least 20 wt-%, and no more than 50 wt-%, preferably no more than 35 wt-%.

9. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the chemical additives include a fraction of a binding agent.

10. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the binding agent is anionic.

11. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the binding agent comprises a polymer, preferably an alkylacrylate, particularly preferably a butylacrylate.

12. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to claim 11, characterized in that ~~that~~ the polymer is a copolymer of an alkylacrylate and styrene.

13. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 12~~ claim 9, characterized in that the fraction of the binding agent is at least 0.5 wt-% and no more than 5 wt-%.
14. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 13~~ claim 9 characterized in that the chemical additives include an oppositely charged precipitation-enhancing component.
15. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the chemical additives include a fraction of a wet-strength agent of at least 0.5 wt-% and no more than 5 wt-%.
16. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the chemical additives include a fraction of sizing agent of at least 0.5 wt-% and no more than 5 wt-%.
17. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an additional wall-facing lower layer (2).
18. (Original) Wallpaper base according to claim 16, characterized in that the lower layer (2) contains a polymer, preferably a thermally-crosslinked polymer, particularly preferably a thermally-crosslinked copolymer.
19. (Original) Wallpaper base according to claim 18, characterized in that the polymer is a copolymer of an alkylacrylate, preferably of butylacrylate, and, in particular, of styrene.

20. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17, characterized in that the lower layer (2) contains a wax, preferably a paraffin wax.

21. (Original) Wallpaper base according to claim 20, characterized in that the wax fraction of the lower layer is at least 5 wt-% and no more than 30 wt-%.

22. (Currently Amended) Wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the claims 17 to 21~~ claim 17, characterized in that the lower layer (2) contains a wet-strength agent preferably at a fraction of less than 5 wt-%.

23. (Currently Amended) Method for the manufacture of wallpaper base according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 16~~ claim 1, in which chemical pulp, filler, chemical additives, and, as an option, groundwood pulp are guided from a blend chest via a stock cleaning unit and a headbox to a horizontal screen, characterized in that a fraction of man-made fibers of at least 5 ~~wet~~ wt-%, relative to the solids content of the headbox, is added upstream of the headbox.

24. (Original) Method according to claim 23, characterized in that the man-made fibers are added to the blend chest in the form of the dry fibers.

25. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~any one of the claims 23 or 24 for the manufacture of wallpaper base according to claim 14~~, characterized in that the claim 23 wherein an oppositely charged precipitation-enhancing component is added to the stock stream subsequent to the addition of the binding agent.